Building of Churches.

275 *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received from the Archbishop of Trivandrum for building churches from 1108 up-to-date (10-11-1110) ;

(*b*) the number sanctioned ; and

(*c*) whether sanction has been refused in any case; if so, the reason for the same in each ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 13.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) Yes. Out of 11 cases, 3 were rejected owing to defects in title and the remaining 8 on account of objectionable proximity to other places of public worship.

Applications for building churches.

276 *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of rejected applications by Christians within the last 3 years for permission to erect places of public worship ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The following is the list of rejected applications :—

1107—17
1108—24
1109—37.

Cultivation of tobacco.

277 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed orders on the recommendation made by the Economic Development Board to conduct a thorough enquiry into the possibilities of cultivating tobacco in Travancore and lift all the restrictions placed on the cultivation of tobacco in Travancore at present ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The matter is engaging the attention of Government. Draft Rules have already been published in the Gazette.

Paddy in Travancore.

278 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Travancore is self-supporting with regard to paddy ; and

(*b*) the quantity of paddy and rice that is annually imported into the State ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) A * statement showing the quantities of rice and paddy imported into the State during the last five years is placed on the table.

*Vide Appendix VIII.

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